

Reception Newsletter

Friday 8th October 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

This week in Literacy, we have been learning the sounds **i**, **n**, **m** and **d**. We have also blended to read and segmented to spell words such as: sat, pin, tin, pan, and nip. We will continue to learn our sounds next week. Please find attached to this newsletter, the sounds that we have learnt so far. The children are doing very well learning their sounds; please keep practising the sounds at home. They need to become confident at instantly recognising the letter shape and being able to say the sound that it makes e.g. s = "sssss" not "suh."

In Numeracy this week, we have been creating patterns using different objects, colours and shapes and learnt about making repeating patterns which means it's the same over and over again e.g. blue, red, blue red or circle, square, circle square etc. The children continued this learning during outdoor play using the natural materials that they had found e.g. stick, leaf, stick, leaf etc. Have a look for some different materials at home to make your own repeating pattern.

In topic this week we have been learning about staying safe within the school community, online, out of school in public places and at home. Next week, we will be learning about the season of Autumn, finding out about animals that hibernate, making hedgehogs using clay and sharing the story of the Gruffalo. Thank you for all your autumn collections so far. If your child would still like to bring in any collections such as conkers or pinecones for our investigation area, they are welcome to do so.

You should have now received your email asking you to accept the Seesaw link to enable you to view and add to your child's learning profile. If you missed the email and your link has expired, please let us know via your child's home/school book. Please keep looking at your child's Seesaw profile as this will be regularly updated with observations, achievements and next steps for their learning which they can work on at home.

On Monday 8th November at 6pm we will be holding a Reception parents' information evening to present information about the Early Years curriculum, how we teach the children to learn here at Woodhouse and how best you can support your child with their learning at home. There will be a focus on reading as we introduce our exciting phonics scheme and share with you how we teach the children to read. We will share some top tips and techniques for helping your child learn to read and show the resources that will be sent home to help you support their phonics at home. The Foundation stage unit will be open from 5:30pm should you wish to come and have a look around the classroom prior to the information evening starting. In order to minimise the number of people attending our information evening, we can only invite one adult per child. Please note this is an adult only event.

This week's 'Talking Topic' is: **I can remember and talk about how to stay safe.**

Following on from learning about our new golden rules, this week's word of the week is: **sharing.**

If you do have any concerns or questions do not hesitate to write them in your child's orange home/school book.

Many thanks

Mrs Rothwell and Miss Mason

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